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MEMORANDUM

DATE: Friday, September 26, 2008

TO: Superintendents, Administrators, SRSD Authorized Users, Grantee Recipients

SUBJECT: Michigan Student Data System Deployment Delay

The scheduled October 4 deployment of the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) has been delayed. The state and local testers simply have not had enough time to thoroughly test the system. The state development team feels that more testing is required to ensure that a quality product is released.

Because the district testing schedule has coincided with the school year start, many of the district testers have not been able to test the system enough to determine if the critical functionality is performing as it should. Thorough local testing is critical to ensure that the product meets expectations. Overall district feedback on the system changes has been very positive, and we want to ensure the MSDS provides the value and ease of use that is expected.

Please note the following changes:

1. The fall Single Record Student Database (SRSD) collection will continue using the current unique identification code (UIC) processes within the SRSD. While all records must have UICs at the time of submission, there will be a Phase 1 UIC resolution window.

2. The supplemental nutrition eligibility 10/31 count will not be collected in the MSDS. It will continue to be collected in the aggregate via the Michigan Electronic Grants System (MEGS) for SY 08-09. Please be sure to also accurately report eligibility data in Field 31:
Supplemental Nutrition Eligibility in SRSD this fall, as it is essential for all No Child Left Behind reporting.

3. All collections, including the Early Childhood and Migrant Curriculum collections, are being evaluated to determine the impact that this deployment delay will have on collection dates.

Over the next two weeks, the MSDS Testing Team will continue to focus heavily on testing the system. We will communicate additional details as they become available.

Thank you for your understanding.
 CEPI Student Data Team